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# INTERCONTINENTAL TERMINALS COMPANY - TANK FIRE

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Preliminary Data Summary

Deer Park, TX

April 28, 2019

Project #111356

## 1.0 Introduction

On March 17, 2019 Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC) requested that CTEH® conduct air monitoring after a tank fire at the Deer Park, TX terminal. CTEH® arrived on-site on March 17, 2019 and began air monitoring and air sampling operations. CTEH® is currently conducting air monitoring in the impacted tank farm, within the Houston Ship Channel, in several industrial areas near the incident site, in community areas which currently have restricted access, and in the surrounding residential areas.

The present summary discusses real-time air monitoring data collected within those residential areas in the community from April 27, 2019 00:00 to April 28, 2019 00:00. Residential areas are defined as community locations outside of the industrial park, restricted access, and USCG divisions in the zone map included in **Attachment A**. During this reporting period, CTEH® performed real-time air monitoring in residential areas to the east of the ITC Tank Fire in Baytown, to the north in Channelview, to the west in Jacinto City and Galena Park, and to the south in Pasadena, Deer Park, and La Porte.

## 2.0 Air Monitoring and Sampling Methods

CTEH® developed and implemented an Air Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) to document and quantify the release of fugitive emissions, if any, from the incident at ground level. The SAP has been approved by local, state, and federal representatives of the on-site Unified Command (UC). In accordance with this UC-approved plan, detections of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) at or above 0.5 ppm require follow-up monitoring for benzene. Benzene detections of 1 ppm or greater in the community are to be communicated to the Federal On-Scene Coordinator. Because benzene is a VOC, initial monitoring for VOCs can be used to determine if benzene-specific monitoring is required.

All instrumentation was calibrated at least once per day or per manufacturer's recommendations. Target analytes were measured as listed in **Table 1**, below. Roaming air monitoring was performed in community residential areas with hand-held instruments. All hand-held air monitoring was conducted in the breathing zone.

CTEH® has also collected analytical air samples for VOCs at 34 locations in the surrounding area at the time of this report. These samples have, and will continue to be, sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party laboratory for chemical analysis. These data will be summarized in a separate report.

## 3.0 Air Monitoring Results

**Attachment A** provides maps of the locations of hand-held air monitoring and analytical air sampling in community residential areas. **Table 1** summarizes the results for community hand-held air monitoring.

**Table 1: Community Hand-Held Real-Time Air Monitoring Results\***

Analyte	Instrument	No. Readings	No. Detections	Range <sup>1</sup>
Benzene	Gastec #121L	263	0	< 0.05 ppm
	UltraRAE	61	4	0.125 – 0.55 ppm
LEL	MultiRAE	2	0	< 1 %
VOCs	MultiRAE	1927	10	0.1 – 0.5 ppm

\*In accordance with the UC-approved Air Sampling and Analysis Plan, benzene detections of 1 ppm or greater in the community are to be communicated to the Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

<sup>1</sup>Maximum detections preceded by the "<" symbol are considered non-detections below the limit of detection (LoD) value to the right.

Between April 27, 2019 00:00 to April 28, 2019 00:00, CTEH® observed and communicated detections of benzene in locations outside of community residential areas, defined on the zone map (**Attachment A**). These include detections near the ITC Tank Fire site (Impacted Tank Farm), in the industrial areas surrounding the ITC Tank Fire site (USCG Division E), within the Houston Ship Channel (USCG Divisions A-D), and in the industrial areas north and south of the Houston Ship Channel in Channelview (Industrial Area). CTEH® has been and continues to actively monitor in the ship channel and industrial areas north and south of the ship channel. These data are being provided to on-site regulatory agencies in real time.

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During this reporting period, CTEH® personnel observed 12 detections of VOCs, ranging between 0.1 ppm and 0.5 ppm. For detections above the 0.5 ppm action level for VOCs, benzene readings were taken in that location to determine if further action was required. In total, CTEH® observed four detections of benzene in the community, all of which were located between De Zavalla Road and I-10 during a two-hour window. All four detections were below the 1 ppm benzene action level approved by UC. During this same two-hour window, CTEH® observed multiple non-detection readings for benzene in downwind locations between the impacted tank farm and this community area. This suggests that the community benzene detections observed during this reporting period were associated with sources unrelated to the impacted tank farm.

## 4.0 Weather Conditions

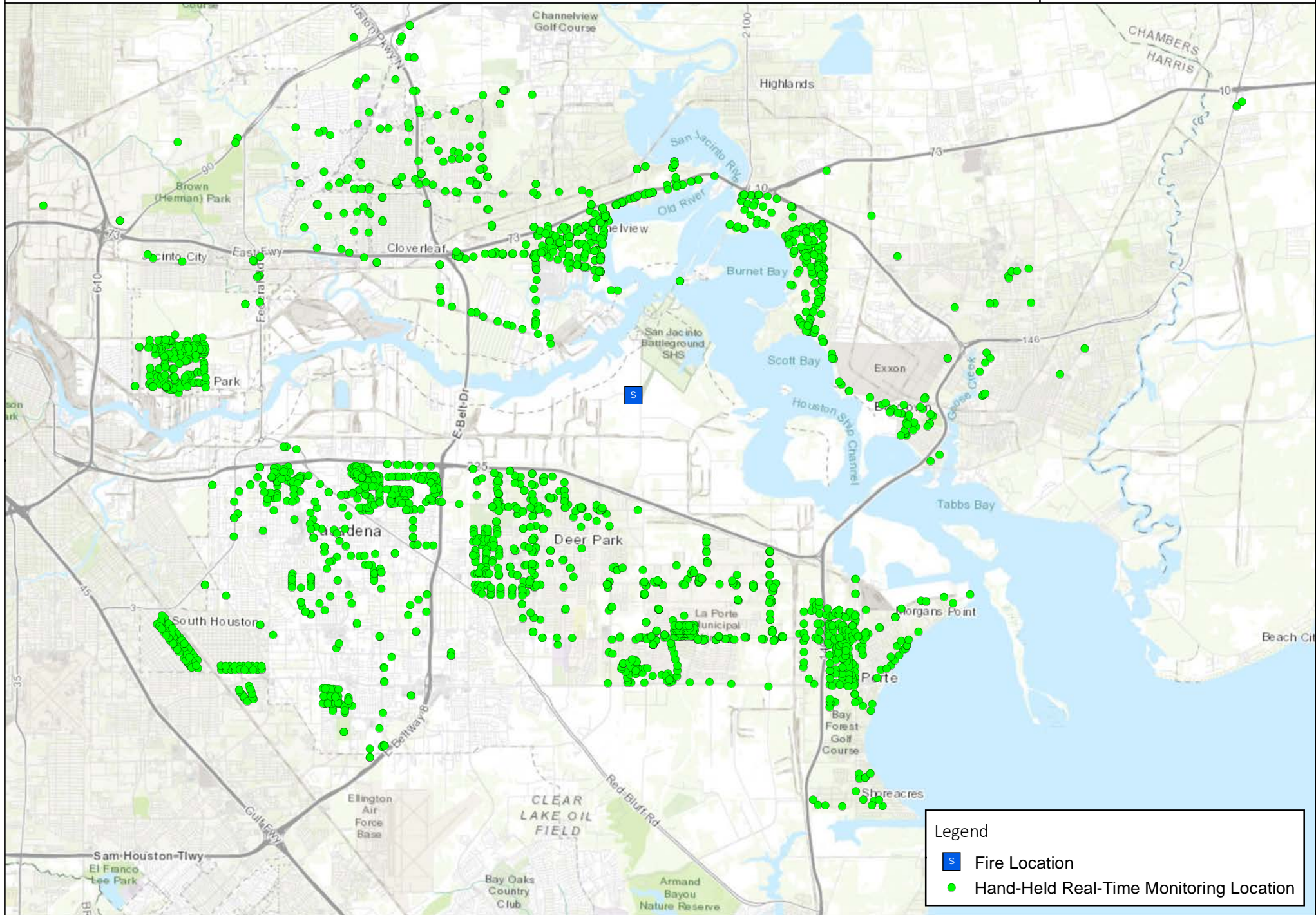
**Attachment B** contains a wind rose depicting wind speed and direction for this reporting period. Data was acquired from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Lynchburg Ferry meteorological station located on Tidal Road approximately 2 mi NNE of the incident site.

# Attachment A

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## CTEH Community Air Monitoring and Sampling Locations



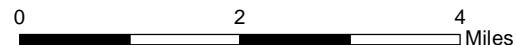




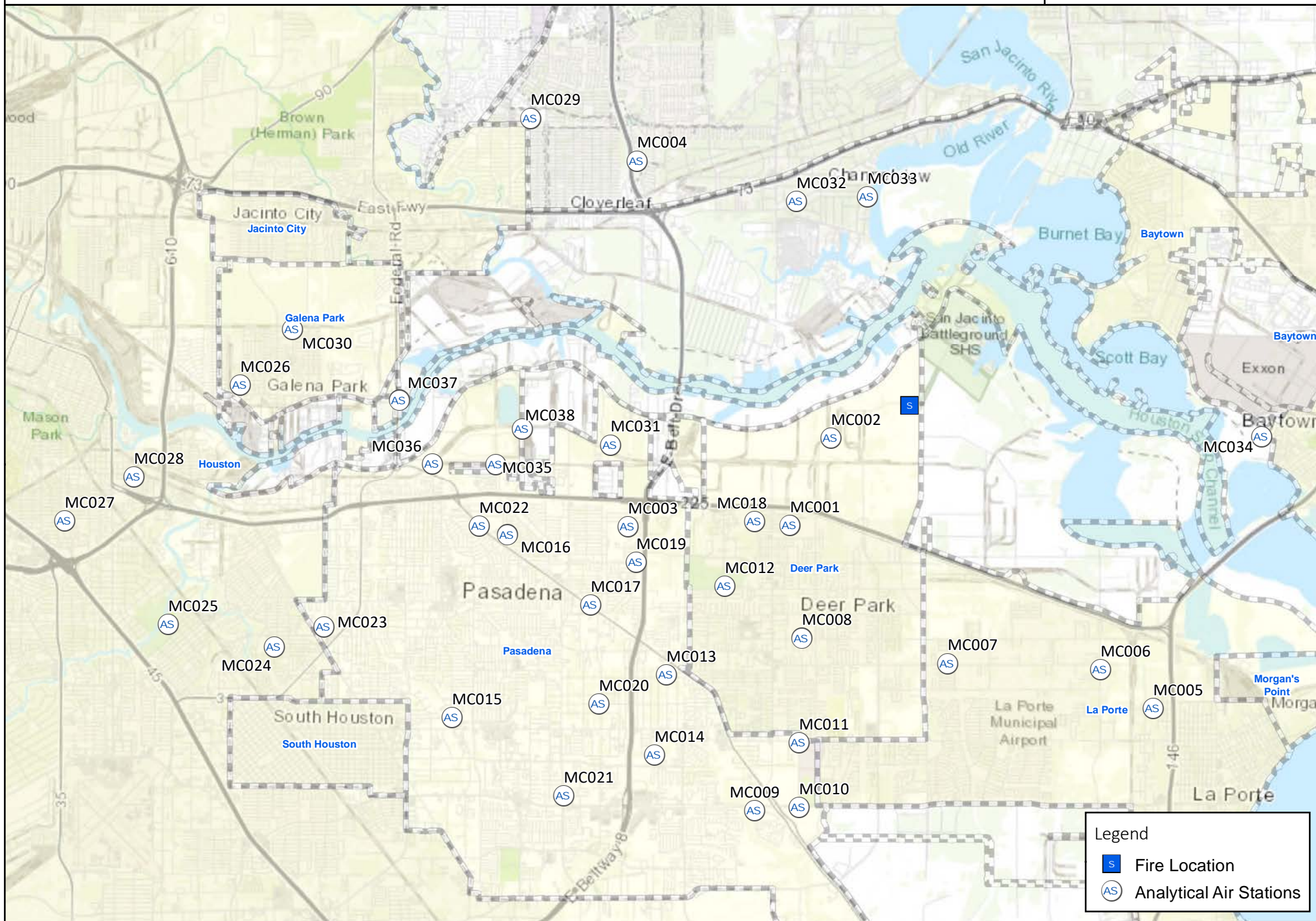


# Analytical Air Sampling Stations

ITC Tank Fire Deer Park, TX



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Client: ITC  
City: Deer Park, TX  
County: Harris









# Attachment B

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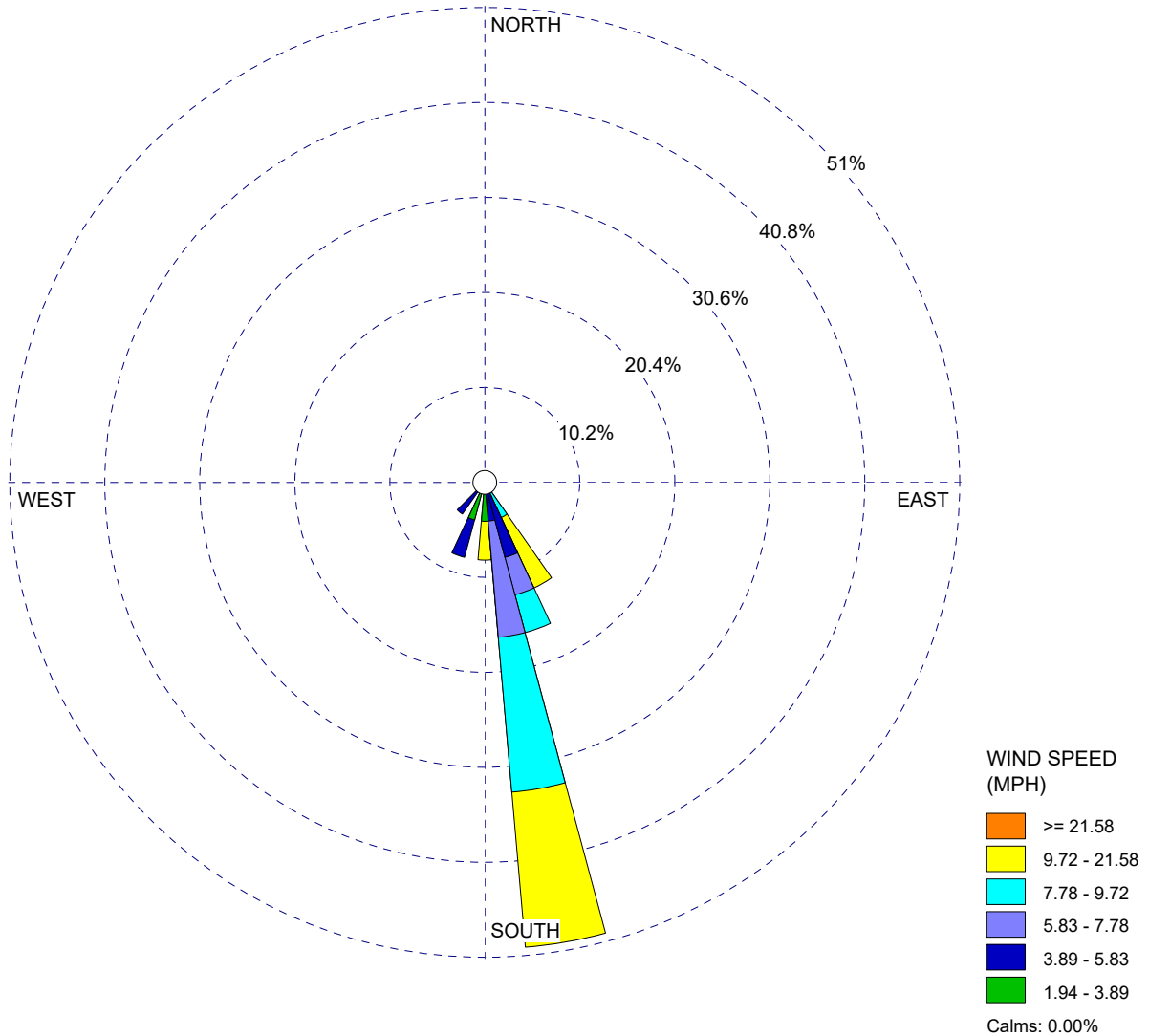
## Meteorological Conditions



WIND ROSE PLOT:

Station #Lynchburg Ferry

DISPLAY:

Wind Speed  
Direction (blowing from)

COMMENTS:

Plot generated using publicly  
available weather data.

DATA PERIOD:

Start Date: 4/27/2019 - 00:00  
End Date: 4/27/2019 - 23:00

COMPANY NAME:

MODELER:

CALM WINDS:

0.00%

TOTAL COUNT:

24 hrs.

AVG. WIND SPEED:

7.46 MPH

DATE:

4/28/2019

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